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(Washington, DC) -- Congressman Russ Carnahan (MO-03) submitted the following requests to the House Armed Services Committee in preparation of the fiscal year 2010 National Defense Authorization bill.

**C-17A Globemaster III Procurement:** The C-17 is the world's most effective and flexible strategic/tactical airlifter. The C-17 has revolutionized the movement of troops and equipment into battle by allowing their delivery to parts of the world that was previously not accessible by conventional airlifters.

**EA-18G Growler:** The EA-18G Growler, the Navy's next generation Airborne Electronic Attack aircraft, will begin replacing the over 30 year-old EA-6B Prowler in FY-10. Based on the multi-role, two-seat F/A-18F Block II Super Hornet, the EA-18G will provide advanced radar and communications support jamming and time critical targeting and strike capabilities for the Navy's aircraft carrier fleet.

**F/A-18E/F (Fighter) Hornet:** The Navy's new F/A-18E/F Block II Super Hornet is the next generation strike fighter and the aviation backbone of the Navy's aircraft carriers for the next 25 years. Authorization will allow the Secretary of the Navy to enter into a third MYP contract for the F/A-18 program, which is necessary to address the Navy's growing tactical aviation shortfall needs.

Congressman Carnahan supports the President's budget request for procurement in fiscal year 2010 when it is fully released and is requesting an increased amount of \$4.2 Billion in procurement funding for 15 additional C-17's. Carnahan recognizes the importance of providing the best available equipment and resources to United States' troops so that they can continue to carry out critical military objectives.